GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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Ban on Export of Food Products
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

a) whether the Government has imposed any restrictions/ban on the export of food items such as pulses and fruits in view of their scarcity and steep rise in their prices in the country;

b) if so, the details thereof;

c) whether there is any proposal to revise the minimum support prices of the said items; and

d) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b) Export of pulses was initially prohibited for a period of six months on 27th June, 2006 which was extended from time to time and the prohibition on export of Pulses (except Kabuli Chana and 10,000 tonnes of organic pulses) is still continuing. Government has not imposed any restriction/ ban on export of fruits. However, onion being sensitive product, its export is made subject to Minimum Export Price (MEP) announced by the Government from time to time. There is a ban on export of edible oils, however, following exemptions have been granted from the ban :
(a) Castor oil
(b) Coconut oil from all EDI Ports and through notified Land Custom Stations
(c) Deemed export of edible oils(as input raw material) from DTA to 100% EOUs for production of non-edible goods to be exported
(d) Edible oils from Domestic Tariff Area (DTA) to Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to be consumed by SEZ units for manufacture of processed food products, subject to applicable value addition norms.
(e) Edible oils produced out of minor forest produce, ITC(HS) Code 15159010, 15159020, 15159030, 15159040, 15179010 and 15219020.
(f) Organic edible oils
(g) Rice Bran Oil
(h) Export of edible oils in branded consumer packs of upto 5 Kgs with a Minimum Export Price (MEP) of USD 900 per MT.
(c) & (d) The Minimum Support Prices of Kharif and Rabi pulses revised during the last three years are as follows:

S.No

Crops
Crop Season MSP(Rs./Quintal)

2013-14
2014-15
2015-16

1. Tur(Arhar)
Kharif 4300 4350 4625*
2. Moong 4500 4600 4850*
3. Urad 4300 4350 4625*
4. Lentil(Masur)
Rabi 2950 3075 3325@
5. Gram 3100 3175 3425@
*Rs.200/quintal bonus included
@Rs. 75/quintal bonus included

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